



***City of Miami Springs, Florida***  
City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers at City Hall  
201 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:05 p.m. Present were the following:

Mayor Xavier M. Garcia  
Vice Mayor George V. Lob  
Councilman Michael Windrem  
Councilman Billy Bain  
Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
Police Captain Jonathan Kahn  
Public Works Director Tom Nash  
Building & Code Compliance Director H. "Tex" Ziadie  
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne S. Hitaffer

- 2. Invocation:** Offered by Vice Mayor Lob.

**Salute to the Flag:** The audience participated.

- 3. Awards & Presentations:**

- A) June Yard of the Month – Teresa Castellanos and Ivo Jooren – 172 Melrose Drive

Mayor Garcia presented the June Yard of the Month award to Teresa Castellanos and Ivon Jooren of 172 Melrose Drive.

- 4. Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Arlene Hawks of 549 and 561 Payne Drive and Maria Mitchell of 830 Bluebird Avenue.

- 5. Approval of Council Minutes:**

- A) May 27, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular meeting were approved as written.

**Vice Mayor Lob moved to approve the item. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:** None at this time.

**7. Public Hearings:** None at this time.

**8. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted)**

City Manager Gorland pulled agenda item 8H from the consent agenda for discussion.

A) Approval of City Attorney's Invoice for May 2014 in the Amount of \$13,911.75, as Funds were approved in the FY 13/14 Budget

B) Recommendation by Recreation Department that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Power Party Events, on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$5,855.00, for Special Event Equipment as funds were approved in the FY 13/14 Budget, pursuant to Section 31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

C) Recommendation by Elderly Services Dept. that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Greater Miami Caterers, Inc., on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$161,614.00, for Catering Services for the City of Miami Springs Senior Center's Nutrition Programs for the Elderly, as funds were approved in the FY13/14 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code and pursuant to the contract renewal option provided by the City's existing contract for an additional 12 month period, from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, at the requested unit costs provided below

D) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council approve an expenditure to TASER International, as a sole source provider, of \$112,156.80, for fifty (50) TASER X2 devices and supplies, as these funds qualify for expenditure from the Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(c) of the City Code

E) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to C.R DeLongchamp, in the amount of \$19,584.00, for building rental as these funds qualify for expenditure from the Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund, Pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code and pursuant to the contract renewal option provided by the City's existing contract for an additional twelve month period

F) Recommendation by Public Works that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve the execution of a contract renewal with Crowder Gulf, for debris removal, reduction, and disposal services in the event of a hurricane, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code and pursuant to the contract renewal option provided by the City's existing contract for an additional one year period

G) Recommendation by Public Works that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve the execution of a contract renewal with DRC Emergency Services, for debris removal, reduction and disposal services in the event of a hurricane, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code and pursuant to the contract renewal option provided by the City's existing contract for an additional one year period

**Councilman Windrem moved to approve consent agenda items 8A through 8G. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

H) Recommendation by Bldg. & Code Compliance that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Orlando L. Blanco, P.E., on an "as needed basis" in the amount of \$ 2,400, for Structural Engineer Plan Reviews as funds were approved in the FY 13/14 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code.

City Manager Gorland stated that there had been an increase in permits for commercial properties requiring additional structural plan reviews.

**Councilman Bain moved to approve consent agenda item 8H. Councilman Windrem seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Lob, Councilmen Windrem, Bain, Petralanda and Mayor Garcia voting Yes.**

**9. Old Business:** None at this time.

**10. New Business:**

A) Presentation by Tom Nash on Main Circle Improvements

Public Works Director Tom Nash gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Circle crosswalk improvements, milling, paving and curbing replacement and an update on additional plans for the near future, including ADA improvements. Plans were also presented for improving the area along the first block of Curtiss Parkway, including a parking pad for parallel parking and a sidewalk that leads to the existing crosswalk, which were approved by Miami-Dade County. The additional work will be funded from Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) funds.

Mayor Garcia asked if CITT funds could be utilized to fix the east side of Curtiss Parkway and Mr. Nash replied that the area is maintained by the County; there is a problem because the roadway is higher than the property.

The Mayor asked to find out what it would cost to fix the problem on the east side of Curtiss Parkway to eliminate the rocks and dust and Mr. Nash agreed to check with Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Nash clarified for Councilman Petralanda that no parking spaces would be lost, but there would be some changes in order to meet ADA requirements.

B) Discussion on adoption of Ordinance prohibiting "Squatting" in the City

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden referred to the agenda memo and the discussion at the recent City/County Attorney's meeting regarding legislation prohibiting "squatting" in the City of Coral Gables. He felt that it is better to take a proactive approach and be prepared to enforce property rights.

City Attorney Seiden added that the City Clerk received an inquiry from a real estate company asking if the City has a requirement for banks and mortgage companies to register vacant and foreclosed properties. He suggested a second ordinance to require that a registry be submitted to the City with contact information for foreclosed properties.

Nery Owens of 169 Corydon Drive spoke on the agenda item and her concerns about the vacant property at 616 East Drive.

**By consensus, Council directed the City Attorney to draft ordinances prohibiting "squatting" and requiring banks and mortgage companies to register vacant and foreclosed properties with the City.**

**11. Other Business:** None at this time.

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney: No comments at this time.

B) City Manager

City Manager Gorland reminded everyone to be prepared for hurricane season and reported that there were 181 campers for the first day of the Recreation summer camp program.

C) City Council

Councilman Windrem and Councilman Bain had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Lob and Councilman Petralanda wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Garcia reported that the property owner on the southeast corner of Hammond and Westward Drive has an issue with her neighbor who refuses to cut a tree that goes over to her property. Since Public Works helped in the past when this was an issue, the Mayor suggested that they might be able to convince the man to trim the tree.


Mayor Garcia congratulated the Recreation Staff on the summer camp program and wished a farewell to Grace Lutheran Pastor Imhoff who will give his last sermon on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Gorland reminded Council about the Special meeting on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the aquatic facility and commercial vehicle ordinance.

### 13. Adjournment

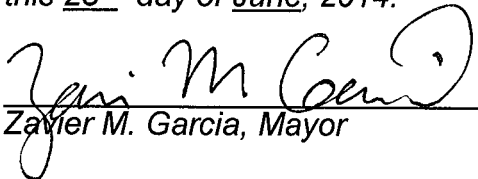
There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*

  
Suzanne Hitafer, CMO  
Deputy City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
Xavier M. Garcia, Mayor

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